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Sir:

This Amendment After Final is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend Figure 3 to include the additional detail and reference characters that are shown in red on the attached copy of proposed amended Figure 3.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 12-25, with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix B):

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*Cont.*

In practice, when the female tube 34, instead of the adjustable tube 33, serves as the tube 30, a pre-rigged tip-up 53a or the tip of a pre-rigged ice fishing rod 53b may be inserted into any of the female tubes 34 at the proximal end 40, as best depicted in Fig. 3. As used herein, the "tip" of the ice fishing rod 53b refers to the end of the ice fishing rod 53b opposite the handle end of the